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2	FOR I	THE NORTHERN DISTRICT	Γ OF ALABAMA
3		SOUTHERN DIVIS	ION
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5	Alexandria Ben	nett	
6	Plai	intiff,	
7	v.		Case No.
8	Walmart, Inc.,	,	2:22-cv-01306-AMM
9	Defe	endant.	
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11	AUDIOVIS	SUAL DEPOSITION OF EI	LIZABETH PARKER
12	DATE:		
13	TIME:		
14	LOCATION:	Zoom, Remote	
15	REPORTED BY:	Freya Amis, Remote	Online Notary Public
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1	PROCEEDING	1	the record, the witness positively identified		
2	THE REPORTER: We are on the record.	2	as Elizabeth Parker by driver's license issued		
3	Today's date is June 22, 2023, and the time is now	3	Alabama State, and the witness is presently lo	cated in	
4	10:04 a.m., Central Standard Time.	4	Birmingham, Alabama.		
5	Good morning. My name is Freya Amis. I'm	5	WHEREUPON,		
6	the officer designated by DepoDirect to take the	6	ELIZABETH PARKER,		
7	record of this proceeding. I request all parties	7	called as a witness, and having been first dul	-	
8	stipulate and agree that by video conference	8	to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing	but the	
9	technology, this will be the remote deposition of	9	truth, was examined and testified as follows:		
10	Elizabeth Parker in the matter of Alexandria Bennett	10	THE REPORTER: Thank you. The witne	ss is	
11	versus Walmart, Inc., Case No. 2:22-cv-01306-AMM.	11	sworn in, and this proceeding may begin.		
12	Counsel, will you please state your	12	MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. Great.		
13	appearance for the record, your firm, who you	13	EXAMINATION		
14	represent, and that you agree to stipulate that I may	14	BY MS. WASHINGTON:		
15	place this witness under oath and report this	15	Q Again, I am Ellise Washington. I re	present	
16	proceeding remotely.	16	Ms. Bennett, the plaintiff in this action. An	d before	
17	MS. WASHINGTON: I'm attorney Ellise	17	we get started, I wanted to go through a few g	round	
18	Washington. I represent the plaintiff in this action,	18	rules, depositions with you, just so that we'r	e on the	
19	Ms. Alexandria Bennett, and I do consent to placing	19	same page; is that okay, Ms. Parker?		
20	the witness under oath and the usual stipulations to	20	A Yes.		
21	be put in place.	21	Q So the court reporter is going to ta	ke down	
22	MS. GORDON: Gwen Gordon for Walmart Stores	22	everything we say. And it's important that yo	u answer	
23	East LP, and I also consent to putting the witness	23	with words, rather than with a nod or shake of	the	
	under oath and usual stipulations.	24	head, do you understand?		
24					
25	THE REPORTER: Thank you. Before going on	25	A Yes.		

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               So I just want to prequalify that if I ask
                                                                   testimony provided here today has the same force and
                                                               1
     you to make a verbal statement, it's not me being
                                                                   effect as if we were in front of a judge or jury, do
 3
     rude, it's just to conserve the record.
                                                               3
                                                                   you understand that?
 4
          Α
               Okay.
                                                               4
                                                                        Α
                                                                             Yes.
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                                                               5
               Okay. Also, it's going to be very important
                                                                             All right. So just to get started, I want
                                                                        Q
                                                                   to ask you a few preliminary questions, such as where
 6
     that you and I do not speak over one another. So it's
                                                               6
 7
     important that you wait for me to finish asking the
                                                               7
                                                                   do you currently live?
     question before answering, do you understand?
                                                                             I live in Bedford, Alabama.
 8
 9
          Α
                                                               9
                                                                             And how close do you live to the Helena
10
                                                              10
                                                                   Walmart location where the incident in this case
               And if you don't understand any of my
     questions, please let me know, and I'll rephrase it;
11
                                                              11
                                                                   happened?
12
     is that okay?
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                                                                        Α
                                                                             Approximately 35 minutes.
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                                                              13
                                                                             Okay. And have you ever given a deposition
          Α
                                                                        Q
14
               And if you need to take a break, let me
                                                              14
                                                                   before?
15
     know, and we can take a break, you understand?
                                                              15
                                                                        Α
                                                                             I have not.
16
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                                                                        Q
                                                                             Okay. And did you review any documents to
17
               All right. So are you prepared to answer my
                                                              17
                                                                   prepare for this deposition today?
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18
     questions today?
                                                              18
                                                                        Α
                                                                             Yes, ma'am.
19
          Α
               Yes, ma'am.
                                                              19
                                                                             Can you tell me, generally, what documents
20
                                                              20
               Is there any reason that you won't be able
                                                                   you reviewed to prepare?
21
     to give me full, complete, and truthful answers to my
                                                              21
                                                                             I reviewed the information that we provided,
22
     questions today?
                                                              22
                                                                   the incident report, the photographs, the video, and
23
               No, ma'am.
                                                              23
                                                                   the policies that we have.
          Α
24
               All right. And you understand that you are
                                                              24
                                                                             Okay. And what policies do you -- what
25
     under oath and sworn to tell the truth and that your
                                                                   policies did you review that you, and I'm assuming
     you're meaning Walmart, have? What policies exactly
                                                                   detail about the incident and what happened that day,
 1
 2
     did you review?
                                                                   I wanted to get some more information about Walmart's
 3
               I reviewed our safety policy, our accident
                                                                   policies and your role there.
                                                                             So how long have you been employed with
 4
     reporting policy.
                                                               4
 5
               Okay. Are those the only two policies you
                                                               5
                                                                   Walmart?
     reviewed in preparation for today?
 6
                                                               6
                                                                        Α
                                                                             Twenty-three years.
 7
                                                               7
          Α
               That I remember, yes.
                                                                        0
                                                                             Okay. And have you always been at the
 8
               Oh, just that you recall at this time.
                                                               8
                                                                   Helena location?
     Okay. That's not a problem. And so were you at the
                                                               9
                                                                        Α
                                                                             No, ma'am. I've been there since 2017.
                                                                             Okay. And what other Walmart locations have
     Helena Walmart location when this accident occurred?
10
                                                              10
                                                                        Q
                                                                   you worked at?
11
               I work there. I wasn't physically at the
                                                              11
12
     store when it happened.
                                                              12
                                                                             I've worked at Sylacauga, Trussville,
                                                                        Α
               Okay. What was your title at the time of
                                                              13
                                                                   Talladega, Gardendale, Leeds, and Vestavia.
13
     this incident on October 5th -- I'm so sorry, October
                                                              14
                                                                             Oh, so over the course of over 20 years,
15
     15th, 2020, what was your title at Walmart at the
                                                              15
                                                                   what all roles did you play at Walmart, what all
16
     time?
                                                                   positions did you hold?
                                                              16
17
                                                              17
                                                                             I've worked in the shoe department; I've
          Α
               I was the store manager.
18
               Okay. And who all did you speak to who was
                                                              18
                                                                   been a cashier; I've been a manager on the front end;
     present at the location about this accident?
                                                              19
                                                                   I've been assistant manager; I worked DSD, which is
19
20
               I spoke to Roman Cooper who was the manager
                                                              20
                                                                   the back door; I was a co-manager and a store manager.
21
     on duty at the time who took the report.
                                                              21
                                                                             Okay. And so the progression of your
22
               Okay. Did you speak to any other employees
                                                              22
                                                                   employment positions, I guess, the most recent is the
23
     of Walmart about the incident who were there that day?
                                                              23
                                                                   highest position you've held at Walmart?
24
          Α
               Not that I remember.
                                                              24
                                                                        Α
                                                                             The store manager?
                                                              25
25
               Okay. So before we go into too much more
                                                                        Q
                                                                             Yes.
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         Α
               Yes, ma'am.
                                                                   job training, you know, shadowing other people. And I
2
               Okay. And how long have you been a store
                                                                  had a mentor that came in and worked with me some. I
    manager, not just at Helena, but just at any store?
                                                                  didn't go to any official store manager training
3
4
    How long have you been a store manager at a Walmart?
                                                              4
                                                                  besides being a co-manager, which was kind of a step
5
                                                              5
                                                                  between an assistant and a store manager, where you
         Α
              Eight years.
6
              Okay. And what all stores have you been a
                                                                  learn how do to run the store.
         0
                                                              6
7
    store manager at?
                                                              7
                                                                            Okay. Are there any employment handbooks or
8
              Helena and Vestavia Hills.
                                                              8
                                                                  manuals that you have for being a store manager?
         Α
9
              Okay. And I understand that the Helena
                                                              9
                                                                            There are -- we have e-learners that are
10
    location is a neighborhood market Walmart location?
                                                             10
                                                                  specific to store managers, which are computer-based
11
              Yes, ma'am.
                                                                  learning that I completed. And there -- back when I
         Α
                                                             11
12
         0
              And is the Vestavia Hills location also a
                                                             12
                                                                  got promoted, I think I did a training plan on the
13
    neighborhood market location?
                                                             13
                                                                   computer as well.
14
         Α
              Yes, ma'am.
                                                             14
                                                                            Okay. And these computer trainings, do you
15
              And so can you tell me about your duties as
                                                             15
                                                                  get any type of written material before or after these
         Q
16
    a store manager, what are your roles?
                                                             16
                                                                  trainings to retain for your own records?
17
              Basically, overseeing the entire store and
                                                             17
                                                                            Not that I recall. I'm sure there's
                                                                  something that I could print out, but I don't know
18
    ensuring that, you know, we do the day-to-day duties
                                                             18
19
    of the store. Whether that's stocking the shelves,
                                                             19
                                                                   that I have anything.
20
    ringing people up at the front. Whatever, you know,
                                                             20
                                                                            Okay. And I want to talk about just your
21
    is necessary in the day-to-day operations. I'm in
                                                             21
                                                                  employment generally with Walmart. Do you all have a
22
    charge of all of it.
                                                             22
                                                                  Walmart employee handbook or manual or policies-and-
23
              And what kind of training were you required
                                                             23
                                                                  procedures book that is in writing that's given to
24
    if any to go through to be a store manager?
                                                             24
                                                                  employees?
                                                             25
25
              I don't know that I had a -- I had on-the-
                                                                       Α
                                                                            We do have a new hire orientation guide that
                                                                  And then they have a couple of hours where they go
1
    they get on their first day of employment.
                                                              1
              Okay. And what information is contained in
2
         Q
                                                              2
                                                                   through this handbook with the people lead, and they
3
    that document?
                                                              3
                                                                   talk about policies.
         Α
              As far as I recall, I mean, it had their
                                                              4
                                                                            Then they do a safety tour with a member of
4
5
    information that they're going to need to, like, log
                                                              5
                                                                  management, which is going to be a tour of the
    into the computers and stuff. It has information on
                                                                  building, point out emergency exits, talk about what
6
                                                              6
7
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                                                                  to do for different things that could happen. And
    benefit. It has a few policies in it.
                                                                   then they're going to spend a couple of hours with a
8
              And what kind of policies are in it?
                                                              9
                                                                   team lead, like, kind of shadowing them.
9
         Α
              Off the top of my head, I know it has
    alcohol and drug free workplace policies. And
                                                             10
                                                                            Okay. And are there any, I guess,
10
    there's, like, an equal opportunity employment policy,
11
                                                             11
                                                                  checklists that the orientation leaders use to check
12
    but that's probably all I remember.
                                                             12
                                                                  off evidence and that someone completed these
13
              Okay. And so you don't recall there being
                                                             13
                                                                  trainings?
14
    any policies on daily tasks or worksheets that must be
                                                             14
                                                                            The only thing that we would have that we
15
    completed during shifts or anything like that?
                                                             15
                                                                  retain right now is the safety checklist. When they
16
              Not that they get in orientation, no.
                                                                  walk around, they check once they learn certain
                                                             16
17
              Okay. And they'd get an orientation, can
                                                             17
                                                                   things, and then they sign it.
18
    you walk me through the orientation process?
                                                             18
                                                                            Okay. And do you all maintain those records
19
              I can walk you through it right now if
                                                             19
                                                                  for set amounts of time? Are they placed in -- or are
20
    that's okay?
                                                             20
                                                                   they placed in employees' personnel records?
21
         Q
                                                             21
                                                                            They are. They're downloaded into a digital
              Okay.
22
                                                             22
              Like, current. Okay. So, basically, their
                                                                  toolbox for that associate.
23
    very first day of Walmart they're going to come to
                                                             23
                                                                            So you all have access to the sheets that
24
    work, and they're going to prove that they are allowed
                                                             24
                                                                  evidence their completion of that safety worklist?
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25
    to work in the United States by completing an I-9.
                                                                            For current associates, yes.
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For current. But so if someone is, I guess,
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                                                                  different things.
2
    terminated or they resigned from their position, then
                                                              2
                                                                            We go to the compactor and the baler to talk
                                                                  about how to use those. And we talk about top stock
3
    their personnel file is also destroyed?
4
              I'm sure it's somewhere in corporate, but I
                                                              4
                                                                  safety, which is the shelf on the tops of the
5
    don't have access to it.
                                                              5
                                                                  counters. And about how we don't stack things too
6
              Okay. So you have access to current
                                                                  high on there, and we don't put heavy things on there
                                                              6
7
    employees' personnel files?
                                                                  because all of this can be dangerous to customers or
8
              Yes, ma'am.
                                                                  associates.
         Α
9
              All right. And can you tell me about that
                                                              9
                                                                            THE REPORTER: May I just interrupt, I'm
10
    safety checklist, what all is included on that
                                                             10
                                                                  sorry. What microphone are you using? It's just a
11
    checklist?
                                                                  little muddled where I'm just not getting a few --
                                                             11
12
         Α
              So we point out spill stations, which are
                                                             12
                                                                  there's a couple words I'm not hearing well. Are you
13
    throughout the store and are to be stocked with
                                                             13
                                                                  close to it? Or --
    certain supplies: pocket pads, the spill cleanup
                                                             14
                                                                            MS. GORDON: She's about 12 inches from it,
14
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15
    stuff, a broom, a dustpan, a safety phone. And, you
                                                                  yeah. It's sitting on the table. It's one that sits
16
    know, we talk about what to do when we see a spill.
                                                             16
                                                                  on the table. I'm not sure if I can get it any
17
    You don't leave it. You -- if you can clean it up
                                                             17
                                                                  closer.
18
    right then, you clean it up. If not, you stand with
                                                             18
                                                                            THE REPORTER: Okay. You can't use the one
19
    it until you can get someone to help you clean it up.
                                                             19
                                                                  from Zoom, like a computer one?
20
              We point out all the fire exits in the
                                                             20
                                                                            MS. GORDON: We have it up on a screen.
21
    building and talk about what to do in the event of a
                                                             21
                                                                            THE REPORTER: Okay.
22
    fire or another emergency when we have to evacuate.
                                                             22
                                                                            MS. GORDON: We're all connected, the
23
   We go to the hazmat station, which is -- we have
                                                             23
                                                                  speaker, and everything else.
24
    different color buckets that we have to dispose of
                                                             24
                                                                            THE WITNESS: I can try to talk more into it
25
    different items in, so we about how to dispose of
                                                             25
                                                                  if that helps?
              MS. WASHINGTON: I was having a few issues
                                                                  back -- thank you so much for going over those safety
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2
    with hearing as well. Like, some words they sound a
                                                              2
                                                                  checklist that you all maintain.
3
    little muddled.
                                                              3
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
              MS. GORDON: Yeah. This is the tricky part
                                                                            Moving forward, as far as reporting spills.
4
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5
    about Zoom. You can't ever count on it. I don't know
                                                                  I do want to ask specifically about that. Is there a
    how to get it any closer. I mean --
                                                                  particular chain of command that spills are reported?
6
7
              THE REPORTER: Okav.
                                                              7
                                                                  Can you go over just in detail how those are reported
                                                                  and handled and resolved?
8
              MS. GORDON: I don't know.
                                                              9
9
              THE REPORTER: We'll keep going forward.
                                                                            Basically, any associate who sees a spill is
10
              MS. GORDON: It's up here in front of her.
                                                             10
                                                                  pretty much trained to clean it up if they can. You
                                                                  know, if it's a small spill, you know, they should
    And so I don't know how to --
11
                                                             11
12
              MS. WASHINGTON: If I have a question where
                                                             12
                                                                  have a pocket pad, which is a little orange, 3 by 5, I
13
    I didn't understand the answer. I think I'm
                                                             13
                                                                  guess, absorbent pad. It cleans up an awful lot of
14
    understanding just enough to, you know, go from here.
                                                             14
                                                                  moisture. And so if they have that and they can clean
15
    I think we'll be fine, but I may ask you to repeat if
                                                             15
                                                                  it easily, they're to do that.
16
    it gets too much of an issue; is that okay?
                                                             16
                                                                            If it's larger and they can't clean it up
17
              MS. GORDON: Sure. That's fine.
                                                             17
                                                                  themselves, they can call someone else to help them,
18
              MS. WASHINGTON: And I do want to make one
                                                             18
                                                                  to assist them. And, you know, we can use paper
19
    stipulation on the record. I am the full-time
                                                             19
                                                                  towels, if it's, you know -- if that's good enough.
20
    caregiver for my father, and he is currently having a
                                                             20
                                                                  Or we can use the All-Absorb that I talked earlier.
21
    procedure done. So I am on-call. So if I get a phone
                                                             21
                                                                  It's basically this kind of clumping stuff that you
22
                                                             22
    call, I am definitely -- that's the only reason I
                                                                  just sprinkle over your spill, and then you can just
23
    would answer.
                                                             23
                                                                  sweep it up.
24
              MS. GORDON: That's fine.
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                                                                            Okay. And do you all have any written logs
25
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. All right. So going
                                                             25
                                                                  for spills, where spills were reported to someone?
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         Α
              No, ma'am.
                                                                  that we use to request maintenance, and I have a
2
               Okay. Do you all have a, I guess, store
                                                                  technician that comes in and fixes things that are
3
    policy on maintenance or cleaning or repairs, do you
                                                              3
                                                                  broken.
    all keep any written policies on that?
4
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                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
5
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              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
              MS. WASHINGTON: She objected to form, but
                                                              6
                                                                            And who is responsible for cleaning the
6
7
    you can still answer, or did you understand or need me
                                                              7
                                                                  Helena store?
8
    to rephrase?
                                                              8
                                                                            We have maintenance associates that do basic
                                                                  maintenance tasks. And then, you know, things like
9
              THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase it?
                                                              9
10
              MS. WASHINGTON: Sure.
                                                             10
                                                                  dusting or cleaning shelves, pretty much everybody's
11
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                                  responsible for doing certain parts. Say if you
                                                             11
12
              So do you all maintain written logs of
                                                             12
                                                                  change an end cap, you're responsible for cleaning the
13
    maintenance, repairs, or requests for maintenance or
                                                             13
                                                                  end cap.
                                                             14
14
    repairs?
                                                                       Q
                                                                            Are those individuals who are responsible
                                                             15
15
              MS. GORDON: Object to the form. Are you
                                                                  for the cleaning tasked with doing so at set
16
    talking about just with regard to floors, or I just --
                                                             16
                                                                  intervals?
                                                                            No, not necessarily.
17
    can you narrow it a little bit, or are you talking
                                                             17
                                                                       Α
    about the whole store maintenance?
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                                                             18
                                                                            So how are they tasked with -- how often or
19
              MS. WASHINGTON: I'm starting generally, and
                                                             19
                                                                  in what manner are they tasked with doing those
20
    I am going to kind of niche in --
                                                             20
                                                                  duties?
              MS. GORDON: Okay.
21
                                                             21
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Mostly as needed. I mean, the floors get
22
              MS. WASHINGTON: -- as we go forward, but I
                                                             22
                                                                  swept and scrubbed -- now it's every night; it used to
23
    wanted a general response.
                                                             23
                                                                  be every morning. But we didn't have overnight back
24
              MS. GORDON: Sure.
                                                             24
                                                                  in 2020, we do now.
25
                                                             25
              THE WITNESS: We have a portal, I guess,
                                                                            I mean, the registers are cleaned once a day
    and as needed. Carts are gotten off the lot as
                                                                  cleanliness policy. The store is, you know, cleaned
1
    needed. So it's not really something based on a set
                                                                  every morning before we open. And then as needed,
2
                                                              2
3
    time just everything is done as it's needed.
                                                                  throughout the day, if somebody notices something, we
              Okay. And as far as the standard of
                                                                  stop and fix it.
4
5
    cleanliness for the store, are there certain, I guess,
                                                              5
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
6
    check marks of cleanliness that must be made? Such as
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                              6
                                                              7
                                                                            As far as spills as well, I know that you
7
    dust levels or, I guess, the floors, are they to be
                                                                  stated that spills are to be cleaned, if possible,
    buffed or moped? What are you all's cleaning
    standards when it comes to just the upkeep of the
                                                              9
                                                                  immediately by whatever employee sees it first; is
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                                                             10
10
    store?
                                                                  that correct?
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              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
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                                                                           Yes. But not if possible, like, they're
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              THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase the question?
                                                                  responsible. If you see it, you're responsible for
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              MS. WASHINGTON: Sure.
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                                                                  it. So you're not going to leave it. If you can't
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    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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                                                                  clean it up, you're going to call somebody to help
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              Like, what would you say is the level of
                                                                  you.
    cleanliness that you all require? Or if any, do you
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    all require that the floors are kept to, like I said,
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                                                                            Either with a walkie-talkie or -- some
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    they are there to be buffed, or are they to be mopped
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                                                                  associates don't have a walkie-talkie. They all have
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    on a consistent basis? Is there, like, a no
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                                                                  cell phones; they can reach out. We have a Me@Walmart
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    stickiness policy for, you know, regular wear and
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                                                                  system that associates can use to communicate with
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    tear? I just wanted a general response as to what are
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                                                                  each other in an app. Or often people just walk by
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    you all's cleanliness policy, if any?
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              MS. GORDON: Object to the form. Answer if
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    you have an answer.
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                                                                  procedures that will require the placement of warning
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              THE WITNESS: There's not really a
                                                                  signs or I guess warning devices to warn customers
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1	about potential hazards?	1	number. No, ma'am.
2	A We do have wet floor signs. You know, say	2	BY MS. WASHINGTON:
3	we just mopped or something, and the floor may be a	3	Q But are you aware of some slip-and-falls
4	little slippery, we would put a wet floor sign out.	4	that have occurred since you've been employed at the
5	But, usually, we can dry the floor, and we don't need	5	Helena Walmart location?
6	that.	6	A I am.
7	Q Okay. You can dry I'm sorry, I couldn't	7	Q Okay. About how many do you recall?
8	hear that. You said that you could dry the floor?	8	A Probably three.
9	A You can dry it. You can just use a wet mop	9	Q Okay. And can you give me I guess, let's
10	and then a dry mop, and it's usually dry.	10	talk about them generally, can you tell me how those
11	Q Thank you. And so as far as spills that are	11	happened.
12	large and, I guess, require significant cleanup	12	A I don't remember specifics. I remember two
13	endeavors, how do you all handle those particular	13	in 2020. There was one in October, I think, where
14	areas?	14	somebody just fell.
15	A We have a scrubber, a big machine that will	15	Q Okay. I know that Ms. Bennett's fall
16	kind of go through and suck up water, so or, you know,	16	happened in October 2020, do you remember if there was
17	kind of liquid. So if we had something big, we could	17	another incident of a fall in October of 2020?
18	use that.	18	A Not that I recall.
19	Q Now I want to switch to, I guess, slip-and-	19	Q Okay. So the one you recall from October of
20	fall incidents at this particular Helena store. Are	20	2020 is the one of Ms. Bennett?
21	you aware of the number of slip-and-falls that have	21	A Yes, ma'am.
22	happened at this particular location since you've been	22	Q All right. Have you ever been at the store
23	employed there?	23	when a slip-and-fall occurred?
24	MS. GORDON: Object to the form.	24	A I'm sure I have.
25	THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of the total	25	Q Okay. And when slip-and-falls occur at the
1	store are they resolved? How long doos it take for	1	A I don't know. We good it to our glaims
1	store, are they resolved? How long does it take for	1	A I don't know. We send it to our claims
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                                                                  will take the tablet and type in what they say, or
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              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
                                                                  sometimes they dictate it to the manager on duty and
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              THE REPORTER: Yes. So I have the witness
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                                                                  they type it.
    spotlighted for our firm has that. And then when she
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                                                                            Okay. And in Ms. Bennett's incident report
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7
    shows a -- shares her screen, it'll take up the whole
                                                              7
                                                                  form here, do you know which of those happened? Do
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                                                                  you know if she typed this in or if one of your
     screen.
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              MS. GORDON: Perfect. Thank you so much.
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                                                                  employees typed it in?
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              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. All right. Here we
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                                                                            No, ma'am, I don't know.
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                                                                  were in the area, are you familiar with Glenda
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    initial disclosures.
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                                                                  Washnurn or Roman Cooper?
               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 marked for
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                                                                            Yes, ma'am.
                                                                            Okay. And is Glenda's name here correct,
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    identification.)
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    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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                                                                  Washnurn, or is it Washburn?
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         Q
              So does this form look familiar?
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              Yes, ma'am.
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                                                                  you speak with either -- first, do both of them still
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                                                                  work at the Helena store?
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    statement is written by the actual, I guess, person
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                                                                            No, ma'am. Neither of them are employed
24
    who was involved in the accident, or is this written
                                                             24
                                                                  anymore.
25
    by a Walmart employee as told to them by the
                                                             25
                                                                            Either of them are employed. Are you still
                                                                        0
    in contact with either of them?
                                                                  Roman?
1
                                                              1
                                                                             I know that Nathan French burned the video.
2
         Α
              No, ma'am.
                                                              2
                                                                        Δ
3
               Could you get in contact with either of
                                                              3
                                                                            Nathan French did what to the video, I'm
         Q
                                                                       Q
4
    them?
                                                              4
                                                                  sorry?
5
              Yes, ma'am. If I needed to, I could.
                                                              5
                                                                            He made the video, DVD disc.
         Α
                                                                       Α
6
              Okay. Do you recall speaking with either of
                                                                            Okay. And I am going to be doing some flip
                                                              6
7
    them or both of them after this incident?
                                                                  flopping with the questions here. I know that we're
                                                              7
8
              No, ma'am, I don't.
                                                                  talking about Walmart procedures, this particular
                                                                   incident, what happened at the store. So please bear
9
               Okay. I'm going to stop sharing my screen
                                                              9
    here. So I guess I want to ask, after the report is
                                                             10
                                                                  with me as I do this.
10
                                                             11
                                                                            So when it comes to video surveillance at
11
    made, you know, after an incident occurs, is there any
12
    meeting between associates who were involved in the
                                                             12
                                                                  the Helena location, are there video surveillance
13
    reporting of the incident and store management?
                                                             13
                                                                   cameras that can see down every aisle at the store?
14
               Well, the highest earnings manager on duty
                                                             14
                                                                       Α
                                                                            No.
15
    would take the report, so sometimes there's not. But
                                                             15
                                                                            Okay. Are you aware of all of the aisles
    in this case, there would have been because we would
                                                                  that are not, I guess, viewable in video surveillance?
16
                                                             16
17
    have had to pull video; neither of them would have had
                                                             17
                                                                            Not off the top of my head, no.
                                                                       Α
18
    access to the video.
                                                             18
                                                                            So do you all keep a, I guess -- I guess, do
19
               So somebody would have talked to them about
                                                             19
                                                                  you all keep any internal communications that list
20
    what happened and found out more details so that we
                                                             20
                                                                  those particular aisles that are not within video
21
    could pull the video and, you know, get all --
                                                             21
                                                                  surveillance view?
                                                             22
22
    everything sent out to the claims people that we
                                                                            Not that I know of.
                                                                       Α
23
    talked about earlier.
                                                             23
                                                                        Q
                                                                            Okay. And do you know why there aren't
24
               Okay. And do you know who that particular
                                                             24
                                                                  video surveillance?
                                                             25
25
    person was in this case, that spoke with Glenda or
                                                                       Α
                                                                            No, ma'am.
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1
               Have you ever, as store manager, requested
                                                               1
                                                                   internal name for particular aisle?
 2
     that there be video surveillance on every aisle?
                                                               2
                                                                             I call it the water aisle.
 3
               I have asked my market asset protection
                                                               3
                                                                             Okay. And so in relation to video
 4
     manager if we could possibly get more video.
                                                               4
                                                                   surveillance cameras, where is the nearest camera to
                                                               5
 5
               And when did you ask that asset protection
                                                                   that aisle?
          0
                                                               6
                                                                             I believe the nearest one would be on the
 6
     person that?
                                                                        Δ
 7
          Α
               I don't know.
                                                               7
                                                                   beer aisle, which is the next aisle.
 8
               Oh, I mean, what was their response?
                                                               8
                                                                             Okay. So if I am facing the back of the
 9
          Α
               That we couldn't add any more.
                                                               9
                                                                   store. So when I walk into the Helena store, and I'm
10
               Okay. Did he give you a reason as to why
                                                              10
                                                                   facing the back towards where the refrigerators are in
          Q
     they could not add any more?
                                                                   the very back --
11
                                                              11
12
               Not that I remember.
                                                              12
                                                                        Α
                                                                             Uh-huh.
13
               Okay. And so in Ms. Bennett's case on
                                                              13
                                                                             -- would that aisle be to the left or right
14
    October 15, 2020, did she fall in the, I guess, water
                                                              14
                                                                   of the water aisle?
                                                              15
15
     aisle?
                                                                        Α
                                                                             To the left.
                                                                             Okay. And would that camera be facing the
16
          Δ
               That is --
                                                              16
                                                                        0
17
               MS. GORDON: Object to the form. You can
                                                              17
                                                                   front of the store or the back of the store?
18
     answer, if you know.
                                                              18
                                                                        Α
                                                                             The back, I believe.
19
               THE WITNESS: That is what the report says,
                                                              19
                                                                             Okay. And how much of the water aisle, if
20
                                                              20
                                                                   any, does that nearest camera capture?
     yes, ma'am.
21
     BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                              21
                                                                             Not much to the best of my memory.
               Okay. Do you know what aisle -- like, what
22
                                                              22
                                                                             And so, would it be safe to say that there
     the aisle is called? Because I call it the water
                                                                   is no video surveillance footage of Ms. Bennett's fall
23
                                                              23
     aisle because there were pallets of water bottles
                                                              24
                                                                   from Walmart's surveillance camera?
24
                                                              25
25
     there and jugs and such, but do you all have an
                                                                             Not that we found, no, ma'am.
               Did you all receive any photos or videos
                                                                   depicts the area where or nearby where Ms. Bennett
 1
 2
     from others in the store that day?
                                                               2
                                                                   fell that day? Is this photo from that actual day?
 3
               Not that I'm aware of.
                                                               3
                                                                             MS. GORDON: Object to the form. Answer if
               MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. I am going to share
 4
                                                               4
                                                                   you know.
 5
     my screen again, you all. And this is going to show
                                                               5
                                                                             THE WITNESS: I don't know when the photo is
     what has been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2.
                                                                   from, but that is the water aisle.
 6
                                                               6
 7
                                                               7
     And it is photos that were sent to the plaintiff in
                                                                             MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
     the defendant's initial disclosures.
                                                                   BY MS. WASHINGTON:
               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 2 marked for
                                                               9
 9
                                                                             And do you know if these -- I guess I'm
10
     identification.)
                                                              10
                                                                   going to go through all five of them, that first one,
     BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                                   but we confirmed that they're all from the water
11
                                                              11
12
               Do any of these photos look familiar to you?
                                                              12
                                                                   aisle. But do you believe these were taken on the day
          0
13
               I think those are the pictures that we
                                                              13
                                                                   of the incident?
          Α
14
     submitted with the accident report.
                                                              14
                                                                             MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                              15
15
               Okay. Do you know who took these pictures?
                                                                             THE WITNESS: If they were in the incident
16
               Not a hundred percent, but I would think it
                                                                   report, then they would have been taken the day of the
                                                              16
          Α
17
                                                              17
                                                                   incident.
     was Roman.
18
          0
               Okay. And why do you think it was Roman?
                                                              18
                                                                             MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
19
               Because Roman took the report.
                                                              19
                                                                   BY MS. WASHINGTON:
          Α
20
               Glenda also was listed on that report, could
                                                              20
                                                                             So they are potentially taken on the day of
21
     these potentially have been taken by Glenda as well?
                                                              21
                                                                   the incident. And can you tell me, in this second
22
               They could have.
                                                              22
                                                                   photo that's on your screen -- and I don't know if
          Α
23
          Q
               Okay. And so I want to kind of go through
                                                              23
                                                                   you see my cursor circling this area by what appears
24
     each photo. There are five of them that were
                                                              24
                                                                   to be wetness in the area. Can you see that, the area
25
     submitted. This first one, do you believe this
                                                                   where I'm circling with my cursor?
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PARKER, ELIZABETH on 06/22/2023

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1
         Α
                                                              1
                                                                            Okay. And so is this, I guess, dirt that
               I can.
2
              Okay. Was it noted anywhere in you all's
                                                                  you've stated, is any of this permanent, or is any of
                                                                  this permanent on the floor?
3
    files or told to anyone verbally what this wet
                                                              3
                                                              4
4
    substance was on the floor?
                                                                            MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
5
              Do you mean before the accident happened or
                                                              5
                                                                            THE WITNESS: That shouldn't be permanent.
         Α
    after?
                                                                  Sometimes that comes off with scrubbing or mopping
6
                                                              6
7
              Yes. From on the photos, I don't know about
                                                              7
                                                                  even, but not usually. It usually takes the scrubber.
    when, where, how, I'm just asking. The substance that
                                                                  Sometimes, the floor has to be waxed to get marks out
8
9
    we see on this photo, do you know if it was clearly
                                                              9
                                                                  of the floor.
10
    identified as a particular type of liquid?
                                                             10
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. And do you know --
11
              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                             11
                                                                  I'll come back to that. I'm going to finish sharing
12
              THE WITNESS: Not that I know of off the top
                                                             12
                                                                  my screen on this, but we will return to the status of
13
                                                             13
                                                                  the floor at some point. I'm sorry, you guys, had to
    of my head.
                                                                  get back to my screen. I don't know why when I switch
14
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
                                                             14
15
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                             15
                                                                  applications on my computer today, it freezes, like,
16
              Was this substance referred to as water by
                                                             16
                                                                  from application to application. So sorry. Okay.
17
    anyone at Walmart?
                                                             17
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
18
         Α
              It could have been.
                                                             18
                                                                            So going back to the -- I guess, the day of
              Okay. And in this area, where the photos is
19
                                                             19
                                                                  the incident, you were not there, but you did review
20
    taken, do you know what this is, what this particular
                                                             20
                                                                  the reports and statements that were made that day,
21
    substance on the floor is?
                                                             21
                                                                  correct?
22
              It looks like dirt. It was the end of the
                                                             22
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Yes, ma'am.
    day -- well, it was toward the end of the day. It's a
23
                                                             23
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. I am going to share
    high-traffic aisle, so it looks like the floor was
                                                                  my screen, and I'm going to have quite a few
24
                                                             24
25
    dirty and needed to be scrubbed.
                                                             25
                                                                  statements here that were taken by you all. They're
    going to be exhibits: 3, is going to be a statement
                                                                  incident, "The customer in question was on the floor
1
                                                                  and in considerable discomfort and was unable to move
2
    from Roman Cooper, Walmart associate; there's going to
                                                              2
    be Plaintiff's Exhibit 4, which is a witness statement
                                                              3
                                                                  her ankle."
    from customer Kellie Daughtry; there's going to be
4
                                                              4
                                                                            So to your knowledge, did Roman Cooper
5
    Exhibit 5, which is a statement by Walmart Associate
                                                              5
                                                                  actually see the incident occur?
    Glenda Washburn; and there is going to be -- no,
                                                              6
                                                                            No, ma'am, I don't believe he did.
6
                                                                            Okay. And moving on to Glenda Washburn.
7
                                                              7
    Exhibit 3 is going to be a statement by customer Kevin
    Allen, and Exhibit 6 is going to be a statement by
                                                                  Her observation here says that she observed the
9
    Walmart Associate Roman Cooper. I have those correct
                                                              9
                                                                  customer sitting on the floor complaining of right hip
10
                                                             10
                                                                  and ankle pain. And she said, "She was reaching for
    now.
11
              All right. So I want to start with the
                                                             11
                                                                  water on the top shelf, slipped, and hit her hip
12
    associates. So this is going to be Exhibit 6, Roman
                                                             12
                                                                  against a water pallet and twisted her ankle. I did
13
                                                             13
                                                                  see water on the floor. The customer had on sturdy
    Cooper.
14
               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 6 marked for
                                                             14
                                                                  running shoes and shorts."
15
    identification.)
                                                             15
                                                                            And so based on this report and from -- in
                                                                  your knowledge, do you believe that Ms. Washburn
16
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                             16
17
              Do you recall reviewing this statement?
                                                             17
                                                                  actually saw the incident occur?
         0
18
         Α
              I don't have, like, memory of it, but I'm
                                                             18
                                                                             (Plaintiff's Exhibit 5 marked for
19
    certain I looked at it and read it.
                                                             19
                                                                  identification.)
20
              Okay. And his role in the incident is
                                                             20
                                                                            THE WITNESS: No, ma'am. I don't think she
21
    listed as reporter, correct?
                                                             21
                                                                  saw it occur.
22
                                                             22
              Yes, ma'am.
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
         Α
23
         Q
              Okay. And there are a few typos, but I
                                                             23
                                                                            Okay. I'm moving on to the incident report
                                                                  of witness Kellie Daughtry. It is my understanding
24
    think we can kind of surmise that he says in his
                                                             24
25
    observation, when he arrived at the scene at the
                                                                  that -- is Ms. Daughtry a Walmart associate?
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(Plaintiff's Exhibit 4 marked for
1
                                                              1
                                                                  saw the fall happening?
     identification.)
                                                              2
                                                                            (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3 marked for
                                                              3
                                                                  identification.)
3
              THE WITNESS: No, ma'am.
                                                              4
4
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                                       Α
                                                                            From his statement, I wouldn't know.
                                                              5
5
                                                                            Yes. So that's what I'm asking. Does it
         Q
              Okay. And was she a customer at the store
    that day?
                                                                  appear from his statement to you that he saw the fall
6
                                                              6
7
         Α
              Yes, ma'am, I believe so.
                                                              7
                                                                  happen?
8
              Okay. It just says here that her
                                                              8
                                                                            MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                                            THE WITNESS: I can't make a determination
9
    observation was that the fall had just happened as she
                                                              9
10
    was passing by. "It was in front of the bottled
                                                             10
                                                                  from what he wrote.
11
    water. Water was on the floor, and the young lady
                                                             11
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. I am going to stop
12
    slipped and hit her hip on a crate on the way down.
                                                             12
                                                                  sharing my screen. And I want to ask about -- so
    She was in pain and crying. She said her hip and
                                                                  sorry, you guys. When I switch, this just get ready
13
                                                             13
                                                                  for a freeze. It's going to happen. Every time I
14
    ankle were hurting."
                                                             14
15
              So based on this report, does it appear to
                                                             15
                                                                  switch it out, it's going to freeze. So let's let it
16
    you that Kellie actually saw the fall happen?
                                                             16
                                                                  recoup, and now my fan is going super fast on my
17
              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                             17
                                                                  computer. So let's see if this works. Okay. Here we
18
              THE WITNESS: No, ma'am, it doesn't appear
                                                             18
                                                                  go, unfrozen.
19
    that she saw it happen.
                                                             19
                                                                            All right. We're almost done, Ms. Parker, I
20
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
                                                             20
                                                                  promise you. And I thank you so much for your
                                                                  patience here with us today. This is what's being
21
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                             21
              And last but certainly not least is Kevin
22
                                                             22
                                                                  marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 7, it is the claim
23
    Allen. His observation just says, "She slipped and
                                                             23
                                                                  report submitted by the defendant in their initial
24
    fell after trying to pick up water from aisle."
                                                                  disclosures.
                                                             25
25
              So from his statement, can you tell if Kevin
                                                                            (Plaintiff's Exhibit 7 marked for
                                                                  different sizes, so we're having to go here.
    identification.)
1
2
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                              2
                                                                            And so this is generated from tablet
3
              Does this claim report look familiar to you?
                                                                  prompts, correct?
              Yes, ma'am.
4
         Α
                                                              4
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Yes.
5
              Okay. And I just wanted to go over certain
                                                              5
                                                                            Okay. Then I would say the first two pages
                                                                       Q
    components that I don't know if it was completely
6
                                                              6
                                                                  are, correct?
                                                              7
7
    filled out or if not. So I wanted to ask particular
                                                                       Α
    questions about it. In the section here entitled,
                                                                            And so this incident reporting system page
    "Slip-and-Fall Information," do you know why these
9
                                                              9
                                                                  here on the third page of my document, where it lists
10
    items are blank?
                                                             10
                                                                  the claim number, and there is QR -- I guess a barcode
              I think -- I don't remember when we started
11
         Δ
                                                             11
                                                                  here where you can scan internally or something like
12
    taking reports on the tablet, but that -- this is the
                                                             12
                                                                  that. Is this form also automatically generated from
    old way we did reports, kind of, and the tablet is the
                                                             13
                                                                  those tablet prompts?
13
14
    new way we do reports. And I -- I think in 2020, we
                                                             14
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Yes, ma'am.
15
    were just starting to use the tablets, and I think
                                                             15
                                                                       Q
                                                                            Okay. And they contain primarily the same
    that's -- it didn't ask him for all that, but it's
16
                                                                  information, correct?
                                                             16
17
    still on the old reporting, if that makes sense.
                                                             17
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Yes, ma'am.
18
              No, it does. So you're saying that this
                                                             18
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. All right. I'm
19
     information is generated in the report even though it
                                                                  going to stop sharing screen on that one. Okay. I'm
                                                             19
20
    wasn't asked to the person who filled it out
                                                             20
                                                                  also going to -- I don't know why this won't open on
21
    initially. So it comes out blank; is that --
                                                             21
                                                                  that -- share my screen again. This is going to be
22
              That's what I think happened, yes.
                                                             22
                                                                  Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, which was submitted, not in the
         Α
23
              Thank you so much. I mean, that's a
                                                                  initial disclosure, but in Walmart's response to our
24
    possibility as to why it's blank, so thank you for
                                                             24
                                                                  request for production of documents. And it appears
25
    that. Sorry, I'm going down because the pages are
                                                                  to be -- my screen froze again, y'all. Give me one
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1
     second. Okay.
                                                              1
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. So I'm going to
2
              Tell me if you all see this.
                                                                  share my screen and kind of go over some of the things
3
              THE WITNESS: Yes.
                                                                  we discussed. Just, I guess, illustrating some of the
4
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. This is a letter
                                                              4
                                                                  procedures that you mentioned based on documents
5
    that was, I guess, sent to Ms. Bennett. It's dated
                                                              5
                                                                  Walmart shared with us. So give me one second.
    for October 16, 2020. And it's in relation to the
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
6
7
    claim, and it gives her, you know, ways in which she,
                                                              7
                                                                       Q
                                                                            So does this form look correct? This is the
8
    I guess, follows up with this.
                                                                  What To Do In The Event Of A Customer Incident Form
9
               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 8 marked for
                                                              9
                                                                  that was submitted to the plaintiff by the defendant.
10
    identification.)
                                                             10
                                                                  Is this a complete and accurate depiction of you all's
11
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                                  procedures on what to do in the event of a customer
                                                             11
12
              Do you all also at the actual store receive
                                                             12
                                                                  incident, Ms. Parker?
    a copy of this particular letter?
                                                             13
                                                                            Yes, it looks like it.
13
14
              No, ma'am.
                                                             14
                                                                            Okay. And so I'm not going to read through
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. Stop sharing my
                                                             15
15
                                                                  this and go over it in detail, but there are certain
                                                                  parts of it that I wanted to, I guess, mention and
    screen for now. All right. I just need to call back
16
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17
    my brother about something, he just called me. Can I
                                                             17
                                                                  break down, and see if you could tell us if this
                                                                  happened in Ms. Bennett's case, okay?
    take a quick three-, five-minute recess?
18
                                                             18
19
              MS. GORDON: Sure.
                                                             19
                                                                       Α
20
              MS. WASHINGTON: All right.
                                                             20
                                                                            So here it says that in addition to caring
21
              THE REPORTER: We'll go off the record. The
                                                             21
                                                                  for the customer, which is what I believe you said is
22
   time is 10:56 a.m., Central Standard Time.
                                                             22
                                                                  the first thing you all do; is that correct?
                                                             23
23
               (Off the record.)
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Yes, ma'am.
24
               THE REPORTER: We are back on the record.
                                                             24
                                                                            Okay. And then there is this section where
25
   It is 11:06 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.
                                                                  it says, "Lockdown the accident scene." I want to
    talk about that. What it means to secure the area.
1
                                                              1
                                                                  paper.
2
    what does that mean from your -- in your knowledge, to
                                                              2
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: So we already looked at
    your training, what does secure the area mean?
                                                                  this. Hold on one second, y'all. So you're seeing
3
               I mean, you want to make sure that you don't
                                                                  what I've been going through every couple of seconds.
4
5
    have people just going through it constantly so that
                                                                  So I'm sorry. It's going to do that for whatever
    you can get the photos that you need.
                                                                  reason. Let me stop my screen share because maybe
6
7
              Okay. And it says, "Take photos," which is
                                                              7
                                                                  that'll let me fix it. I do apologize.
    pretty self-evident. And, "Describe the scene on the
                                                                            THE REPORTER: Did you want to mark this as
    Reversible File Folder," do you know if the scene was
                                                                  Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 or --
9
                                                              9
10
    described in the Reversible File Folder?
                                                             10
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: I do. I do. Can you
11
              We don't use the file folders anymore since
                                                             11
                                                                  assist me in keeping those numbers right because I
12
    we started using the tablet.
                                                             12
                                                                  think I'm going out of order now than what I
13
              Okay. And so the description of the scene
                                                             13
                                                                  intentionally planned. So we can keep those, and I'll
14
    on the Reversible File Folder, is there a prompt on
                                                             14
                                                                  make sure I do that with you to kind of level up.
                                                             15
15
    the tablet that requests you all to describe the scene
                                                                            THE REPORTER: Absolutely.
16
    on the -- describe the scene?
                                                             16
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: All right.
17
         Α
              I don't remember. I don't -- I don't
                                                             17
                                                                            (Plaintiff's Exhibit 9 marked for
18
    remember.
                                                             18
                                                                  identification.)
19
              Okay. This is what I believe is the
                                                             19
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
20
    incident report, is this, all of this information,
                                                             20
                                                                            So this is the form that is automatically
21
    requested via the tablet?
                                                             21
                                                                  generated from the tablet, correct? Of course, it's
22
              Yes, ma'am. That's an old incident report.
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                                                                  not a blank copy, this is the one for Ms. Bennett, but
23
    That's what we used before we used the tablet.
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                                                                  this is the information that is requested in the
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                                                                  tablet, correct?
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              So you write that out with, like, pen and
                                                                            That's -- so the old form that you've just
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had up, we would write everything on, and then we
                                                                  we weren't just sending a disk.
                                                               1
    would key it into the incident reporting screen, which
                                                               2
                                                                             Okay. So this is an internal document that
    would then generate that that you just -- that you
                                                                   is basically attached to your video request?
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    had up again. Yes. So that --
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                                                                             Yes.
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                                                                             It's the information that is the product of
          Q
               Okay.
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               -- they would fill everything out, and we
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                                                                  what's input into the tablet when a claim is made?
 6
          Α
 7
    would go to the computer, and we would type it all in.
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                                                                             Thank you for that clarification. Because I
 9
          Α
               Then the screen with a smiley face on it is
                                                               9
                                                                  was confused when I was reading it because I didn't
10
    what we would get.
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                                                                  know if, you know, you all just had different
               Okay. All right. So this form is old and
                                                                  duplicative reports made, etcetera. So now that we
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12
    out of date. So this is not what's completed, but the
                                                              12
                                                                  have that, I'm good with that. Thank you so much.
     information here is what's asked of you all on the
                                                              13
                                                                             You're welcome.
13
     tablet to complete, and this is what is shot out at
14
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                                                                             I guess, let's go back to this and try to
15
    the end, right?
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                                                                  clarify what was in place at the time of the incident.
               Kind of. The next two pages are actually
16
          Α
                                                              16
                                                                   So at the time of Ms. Bennett's incident, you
17
    what came out of the tablet.
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                                                                   obviously were using the tablet, correct?
18
          Q
               This?
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                                                                        Α
                                                                             Correct.
19
          Α
               Yes.
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                                                                             And the prompt to describe the scene on the
20
                                                              20
                                                                  Reversible File Folder is void?
          Q
               Okav.
21
                                                              21
                                                                             I believe so, yes. I know there's no file
               The first two pages are going to be --
                                                                       Α
          Α
22
     sorry.
                                                              22
                                                                   folder.
23
          0
               Not so fast.
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                                                                             Okay. But in you all's policy on what to do
24
               See right there. Yes. So that would have
                                                              24
                                                                   in the event of a customer incident is describing the
          Α
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    been what we printed to send in with the video so that
                                                              25
                                                                   scene of the incident still important or plays a role
 1
    in some way?
                                                               1
                                                                   duty. So it would be to notify the manager on duty,
 2
               Yes. And, I mean, Glenda did describe the
                                                               2
                                                                  which would have been Roman.
 3
     scene, didn't she, on her statement?
                                                               3
                                                                             That makes sense. Thank you for that
               Back to Glenda's statement. I'm sorry. I'm
                                                                  clarification because that was going to be my very
 4
 5
    getting confused about my broken tidbits. I know what
                                                               5
                                                                  next question to ask. So that was well clarified.
    I can do because I have hers parcel out. Give me one
                                                               6
                                                                  And so after we've locked down the scene, alerted
 6
 7
     second. Here is Glenda's. She gave her observation
                                                               7
                                                                  management, cared for the customer, we move into the
                                                                   investigation. But before I do that, I want to kind
    of what happened, but I don't think she described the
 9
     scene. It says that she saw water on the floor --
                                                               9
                                                                   of go back to the lockdown of the scene.
10
               Okay.
                                                              10
                                                                             Do you know if the accident scene was locked
          Α
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11
               -- in it. But she didn't do a complete
                                                                  down?
12
     scene description, from my knowledge. Have you seen
                                                              12
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                                                                             No, ma'am, I'm not aware.
13
     another document where she may have provided a
                                                              13
                                                                             Okay. So during the investigation, these
14
     description of the scene?
                                                              14
                                                                   particular -- again, I'm not going to read all to you
15
               No. This is what I've seen.
                                                              15
                                                                   the who, what, whens, wheres, and whys. The
16
               Okay. Going back. Next up on the what to
                                                              16
                                                                   investigation includes these particular matters, are
17
    do in the event of a customer incident, it says,
                                                              17
                                                                  you aware that the investigation points here were all
18
     "Alert management." So members are to notify a
                                                              18
                                                                   completed in Ms. Bennett's case?
19
     salaried member of management.
                                                              19
                                                                             As far as I know, yes.
20
          Α
               So -- go ahead.
                                                              20
                                                                             Okay. Next up is to make the report, we
21
               Oh, you can go ahead.
                                                              21
                                                                  know that a report was made, and then you save and
          Q
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               In neighborhood markets, at the time, 2020,
                                                                   submit evidence. So saving evidence. You mentioned
23
    we had two salaried members of management in the
                                                              23
                                                                   earlier a portal that you all use to submit this
24
    building. So that's not actually applicable to our
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                                                                   information, is the information saved to that portal,
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    store because we leave our leads as the manager on
                                                              25
                                                                   or is it saved to a different location?
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It goes into the accident app. It's not --
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                                                                            And any associate has access to go search
    it's not saved on that tablet or anything. It goes to
                                                                  for SOPs or -- now they're called process guides, to
3
     claims management.
                                                              3
                                                                  learn how to do pretty much anything in the store.
4
         0
              Okay. So it's submitted via the Internet?
                                                              4
                                                                            Okay. So that is the just SOP, the standard
5
              Via the app, yes, ma'am.
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                                                                  operating procedure for that particular matter, but it
         Α
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              So the application on the tablet which has
                                                              6
                                                                  is not a checklist or point of reference during the
7
    Internet access, and it is submitted or transmitted to
                                                              7
                                                                  safety training --
8
     that location you mentioned?
                                                              8
                                                                            MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
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9
         Α
              Yes.
                                                                            THE WITNESS: It's not -- I mean, they don't
10
              Okay. Just wanted to verify that. Okay.
                                                             10
                                                                  have to sign it or anything or check anything off, but
11
    So I kind of want to go back to the safety training
                                                                  they do hear about how to clean up spills.
                                                             11
12
    that all associates receive. And I'm not going to go
                                                             12
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okav.
    into detail about how you're to maintain your stations
                                                             13
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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14
    and all that. I just wanted to speak about a few
                                                             14
                                                                            And so, obviously, the course module here
                                                             15
                                                                  that's on workplace safety, is this model animated?
15
    applicable situations here, and I want to talk about
                                                                  Because I see where it says, "2470 plus 8 minutes of
16
    the standard operating procedure.
                                                             16
17
               Is this particular step an action required
                                                             17
                                                                  video," can you tell me about this module on safety?
                                                                            Sure. It's going to be part of their
   what is involved in the safety training that you
18
                                                             18
    mentioned earlier for associates?
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                                                             19
                                                                  computer learning, which every associate does.
20
              So that's an -- a standard operating
                                                             20
                                                                  Basically, you sit down at the computer, you have
21
    procedure. That wouldn't have been -- I mean, we
                                                             21
                                                                  headphones, and there's going to be things you read,
22
    would have discussed it in a safety tour. And then
                                                             22
                                                                  and there's going to be videos. A lot of times there
    associates -- that's on OneWalmart, which is our
23
                                                             23
                                                                  are questions during the module, and sometimes there's
24
    online portal, I guess.
                                                                  a test at the end that they have to pass.
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              Okay.
                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: And so for, I guess, the
   court reporter, this is going to be our next exhibit,
                                                                  have been.
                                                              1
    and it is the printout of the workplace safety
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                                                                            Okay. And I know you mentioned the -- I'll
3
    learning module that was given to the plaintiff and
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                                                                  go back to that.
    the defendant's responses to our request for
                                                              4
                                                                            So we've talked about different types of
4
5
    production of documents.
                                                              5
                                                                  spills earlier. But can you tell us, I guess, about
6
              THE REPORTER: Okay.
                                                              6
                                                                  spill cleanup procedures and the training that is done
                                                                  on those procedures with you all's associates. So is
7
               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 10 marked for
                                                              7
8
    identification.)
                                                                  this particular safety awareness and education an
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. Next up, we are
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                                                                  online learning module as well, or is this done in
9
                                                                  some other way?
10
    going to go over some more of safety and spill-related
                                                             10
    procedures that must be handled -- or, you know, is
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                                                                            MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
12
    how it's shown. I wanted to look at this diagram.
                                                             12
                                                                            THE WITNESS: I don't think that's an online
13
    This is also going to be an exhibit.
                                                             13
                                                                  learning. I think that's in the process guide or an
               (Plaintiff's Exhibit 11 marked for
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                                                             14
                                                                  SOP. But it -- I mean, they learn about spill
15
    identification.)
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                                                                  cleanups in the u-learn, and also during the safety
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
16
                                                             16
                                                                  tour, like, we talk about it.
17
               Is this diagram provided to employees at the
                                                             17
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
         Q
18
    Walmart Helena store?
                                                             18
                                                                            Okay. So during the safety tour that you
19
               We have that at the spill stations.
                                                             19
                                                                  all do in person at the store location, certain
20
              Okay. So this is posted at the spill
                                                             20
                                                                  aspects of this is discussed?
21
    stations in the store?
                                                             21
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Correct.
22
                                                             22
              Yes. It's supposed to be.
                                                                            So we don't have to go into detail about
         Α
                                                                       Q
23
         Q
              Okay. Do you know if it was posted the day
                                                             23
                                                                  those particular items. Thank you. I'm going to stop
24
    of Ms. Bennett's accident?
                                                             24
                                                                  sharing my screen here. All right. And we are almost
25
              I mean, I don't know 100 percent. It should
                                                             25
                                                                  done, Ms. Parker, but I did want to go back to you
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kind of just -- kind of look at these pallets a little
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    all's store.
2
              And so to your knowledge, the flooring in
                                                                  closer. So here, this pallet that's on the screen
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    the water aisle, does it contain permanent scuff marks
                                                                  now, does it appear like a jagged edge to the pallet?
4
    that are on the floor?
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                                                                            MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
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              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                                            THE WITNESS: It appears that there's a
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              THE WITNESS: I can answer?
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                                                                  small piece out of the front.
7
              MS. GORDON: If you can, yes.
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                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: That there's a small piece
8
              THE WITNESS: I think there are some marks
                                                                  out of the front, okay.
9
    on the floor that are burn marks that we can't get
                                                              9
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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                                                                            And do you think that this affects the
    out.
11
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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                                                                  safety of that pallet at all with that chunk of -- a
12
              And do those marks sometimes obscure, I
                                                             12
                                                                  piece, not chunk. I'm sorry, that was my terminology
    guess, other substances that may be on the floor?
                                                             13
                                                                  -- but the piece missing?
13
              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                                            MS. GORDON: Object to the form. Answer if
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              THE WITNESS: Not that I know of.
15
                                                             15
                                                                  you know.
16
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
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                                                                            THE WITNESS: I don't think so.
17
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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                                                                            MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
                                                                  BY MS. WASHINGTON:
18
              And what about the condition of the pallets
                                                             18
19
    that contain -- that hold the water in that aisle, are
                                                             19
                                                                            And are you aware of customers complaining
20
    you aware of the condition of those pallets at the
                                                             20
                                                                  about the cleanliness of this store?
21
    time of Ms. Bennett's accident?
                                                             21
                                                                       Α
                                                                            When?
22
         Α
              No, ma'am, I'm not.
                                                             22
                                                                        Q
                                                                            On any --
23
              Okay. I do want to go back, I guess, to the
                                                             23
                                                                            I mean, some customers have complained about
                                                                        Α
    photos. I'm going to share my screen again. These
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24
                                                                  cleaning on certain days.
                                                             25
25
    were previously shown to you earlier, but I want to
                                                                            Okay. And how often would you say spills
    happen on the store on a daily basis, how often would
                                                                  and put in a ticket so that someone can come out and
1
2
    you say there are spills?
                                                               2
                                                                  repair the roof.
3
              MS. GORDON: Object to the form.
                                                                            Okay. And do you all put up any cautionary
              THE WITNESS: I don't know. I mean, I
                                                                  signs or materials like cones or --
4
5
    wouldn't say that we have spills every single day.
                                                               5
                                                                            Yes. If you couldn't, like, clean
6
              MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.
                                                                  everything, we would put a cone out to alert
                                                               6
7
                                                               7
    BY MS. WASHINGTON:
                                                                  customers.
                                                                            Okay. And do you recall anyone stating
8
         Q
              Are you aware of any structural issues with
                                                              8
9
    you all's building?
                                                              9
                                                                  anything about the weather the day of this incident,
10
              None that I'm aware of, no, ma'am.
                                                             10
                                                                  what the weather was like? Have you seen any
                                                                  statements or reports mentioning the weather the day
11
              Okay. Are you aware of any leaking lights
                                                             11
12
    or ceiling?
                                                             12
                                                                  of Ms. Bennett's accident?
13
              No, ma'am, not that I'm aware of.
                                                             13
         Α
                                                                            No, ma'am, I have not.
14
              Are you aware of any leaking refrigerators?
                                                             14
                                                                            Okay. Are you aware of any investigations
15
         Α
              No, ma'am.
                                                             15
                                                                  that looked for or, I guess, try to uncover the source
                                                                  of the water that was on the floor when Ms. Bennett
16
              Okay. And in the event that you became
                                                             16
17
    aware of a leaking refrigerator or a leaking roof,
                                                             17
                                                                  fell?
18
    what would be your next steps to resolve that issue?
                                                             18
                                                                       Α
                                                                            No, ma'am, I'm not aware of any.
19
               If a refrigerated case is leaking, we take
                                                             19
                                                                            And are you aware of any statement as to how
20
    the product out and clean it and clean the fan to make
                                                             20
                                                                  the water got on the floor when Ms. Bennett fell?
21
    sure there's nothing wrong with it and see if that
                                                             21
                                                                            No, ma'am.
                                                                       Α
                                                             22
22
    helps. If not, we open a ticket and get our
                                                                            And do you know if Walmart is self-insured?
                                                                        Q
23
    refrigeration people out.
                                                             23
                                                                       Α
                                                                            Yes. We are self-insured up to something.
24
               If the roof is leaking, we open a ticket.
                                                             24
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                                                                            Okay. Could you find that amount or --
                                                             25
25
    We put a bucket to collect any water that's dripping
                                                                       Α
                                                                            I probably --
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2	Q are you ever made aware of that amount	1 MS. GORDON: And I just have a few
	that you all are self-insured for?	2 questions.
3	A I could probably find it if I called	3 THE REPORTER: Okay.
4	somebody, called CMI or somebody.	4 MS. GORDON: Let me sit over here so you're
5	Q Okay. And who is that?	5 still facing them.
6	A That's our claims department.	6 EXAMINATION
7	Q Okay. And does your store have a particular	7 BY MS. GORDON:
8	claims manager or claims handler?	8 Q All right. Ms. Parker, before Plaintiff
9	A Usually, we have the same people for one	9 reported her fall on October 15th, 2020, had anyone
10	for customer incidents and one for associate, I	10 notified you about any water or liquid substance on
	believe.	11 the floor of the water aisle?
12	Q Okay. And do you know who that person is	12 A No.
	for a customer?	13 Q Has any employee ever told you that they
14	A No, ma'am, not off the top of my head. I	14 were notified of water or a liquid substance on the
	did see Matthew Fowler's name on that letter you	15 floor of the water aisle before Plaintiff's fall on
	showed earlier.	16 October 15, 2020?
17		17 A No.
	-	
18	A I'm sure I've spoken to him before, but	18 Q Has anyone told you they observed water or a
	beyond talking to him on the phone, not really.	19 liquid substance on the water aisle before Plaintiff's
20	Q Okay. But generally, when you all have	20 fall on October 15, 2020?
	incidents, you deal with the same handlers?	21 A No.
22	A Pretty much, yes.	22 Q Before Plaintiff's fall on October 15, 2020,
23	MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. All right. I	23 had others been down the water aisle that day?
	believe that's all the questions that I have for you	24 A Yes. I'm sure other people were down the
25	at this time.	25 aisle.
1	O Had there been vendors down that aisle	
-	Q mad there been vehicles down that arsie	1 A 6 a.m., I believe.
	before her fall?	1 A 6 a.m., I believe. 2 Q So probably a full day's worth of customers
2 3	before her fall?	2 Q So probably a full day's worth of customers
2 3	before her fall? A Yes. Coke and Pepsi would have stocked	Q So probably a full day's worth of customers before the incident happened?
2 3 4 5	before her fall? A Yes. Coke and Pepsi would have stocked their pallets that day.	Q So probably a full day's worth of customers before the incident happened? A Yes.
2 3 4 5	before her fall? A Yes. Coke and Pepsi would have stocked their pallets that day. Q Did any of the vendors report to you any	Q So probably a full day's worth of customers before the incident happened? A Yes. Q Were you notified of any other customer
2 3 4 5 6	before her fall? A Yes. Coke and Pepsi would have stocked their pallets that day. Q Did any of the vendors report to you any safety concerns on the water aisle?	Q So probably a full day's worth of customers before the incident happened? A Yes. Q Were you notified of any other customer incidents, either slips, falls, or injuries on the
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	before her fall? A Yes. Coke and Pepsi would have stocked their pallets that day. Q Did any of the vendors report to you any safety concerns on the water aisle? A No. Q Have they reported safety concerns to you in the past? A Yes.	Q So probably a full day's worth of customers before the incident happened? A Yes. Q Were you notified of any other customer incidents, either slips, falls, or injuries on the water aisle on October 15, 2020, besides Plaintiff's? A No, ma'am. Q Were you aware of any leaks on the water aisle prior to Plaintiff's fall on October 15, 2020?
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                                                                             But there are chances that people, despite
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               No, ma'am.
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               Do you know how long it took an associate to
                                                                   commotion, would still wander down that aisle?
                                                                             It could happen.
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     see Ms. Bennett after her incident?
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               No, ma'am, I'm not aware.
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                                                                             And as far as the matters to prevent others
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                                                                   from falling and cleaning the spill, that did not
               Okay. And do you know if any precautionary
    measures were taken to prevent others from falling
                                                                   occur until after Ms. Bennett had left the store,
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7
     after Ms. Bennett's fall?
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                                                                   correct?
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               After her fall and she left, we -- Roman
                                                                             Well, if associates are there with her
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    would have cleaned up the water so that there was no
                                                               9
                                                                   still, we always warn customers, hey, be careful,
    more water in the floor, and there were no more risks
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                                                                   there's something in the floor here.
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    of anyone falling.
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                                                                             Do you know if that was done?
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               Okay. But you believe after she left, the
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                                                                             As Roman was standing there, he would have
                                                                   told people not to walk through the water or to be
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    area was cleaned?
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           Α
             Yes, ma'am, I do.
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                                                                   careful.
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             And while Ms. Bennett was there, was there
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                                                                             He would have, but do you know if he did
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    anything done to prevent other falls?
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                                                                   that? Is there any indication from any of your
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               I'm not sure. But I'm sure that, you know,
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                                                                   statements with Roman or any of the written reports
     they were focused on taking care of her, and then they
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                                                                   that we've shown here today where that was done?
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    also had to take photographs. But as far as I could
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                                                                             MS. GORDON: Object to the form. Answer if
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     tell from the video that I saw, there were a lot of
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                                                                   you know.
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    people on the aisle, so nobody was going to go on that
                                                                             THE WITNESS: I don't. I don't know if he
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    aisle anyway.
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                                                                   did or didn't, but that's what he was trying to do.
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          Q
               You believe no one would have gone on that
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                                                                             MS. WASHINGTON: Correct.
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    aisle anyway?
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                                                                   BY MS. WASHINGTON:
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          Α
               Correct.
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                                                                             But are you aware of anyone other than Roman
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                                                                   was concluded.)
    who would have warned others of the situation --
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               MS. GORDON: Object --
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               MS. WASHINGTON: -- where it was located?
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    No, you're fine.
5
               THE WITNESS: I don't know who was on the
    aisle with Glenda and Roman.
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               MS. WASHINGTON: Okay. So that's all I
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    have. Thank you so much for speaking with me today.
               MS. GORDON: Thank you, Ellise.
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               MS. WASHINGTON: Thank you.
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               THE REPORTER: Okay. Just before going off
    the record, Ms. Washington, did you want to order a
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     transcript of this proceeding?
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               MS. WASHINGTON: Oh, of course.
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               THE REPORTER: Yes? Okay.
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               MS. WASHINGTON: Yes.
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               THE REPORTER: And Ms. Gordon?
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               MS. GORDON: We just need the e-transcript.
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               THE REPORTER: E-transcript?
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               MS. GORDON: Thank you.
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               THE REPORTER: Okay. Thank you. We are
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    going off the record. The time is now 11:36 a.m.,
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     Central Standard Time.
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               (Signature Waived.)
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               (Whereupon, at 11:36 a.m., the proceeding
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